

opening statement by Att'y Horace N. Hawkins.

It was admitted that the strikers were armed, but Hawkins said he would show that after repeated unprovoked attacks on the miners' tent colony at Ludlow, during which several strikers were killed, the union men armed themselves strictly for self-defense. The defense will show that on the day of the murder for which Lawson was indicted the private mine guards started firing first.

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#### **T. R.'S DEFENSE RUNS INTO A BRICK WALL OF LEGALITIES**

Syracuse, N. Y., April 30. — Col. Roosevelt's defense of Wm. Barnes' libel suit today ran into a brick wall of legal obstacles. Rebuff followed rebuff for the colonel in rulings of Justice Andrews excluding testimony offered by the defendant.

A procession of witnesses were presented by the defense to support Roosevelt's charges, closing the second week of the trial, as court adjourns this afternoon until Monday.

Three rulings by Justice Andrews today were regarded as serious reverses for the defendant.

John A. Hennessy, former Gov. Sulzer's graft prober, called to tell of graft, corruption and investigations in the state's government, was not allowed to answer a single question. The judge held his testimony immaterial.

Still another reverse was a ruling that the bare fact that Democrats and Republicans voted together to defeat Hughes' direct primary bill was not of itself evidence of the corruption. This shut out more testimony.

Several witnesses were prevented from telling of alleged bipartisan deals.

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Sheridan, Wyo.—E. C. Reed, railroad agent, shot and killed Ed Hughey, ranchman, whom he found in his home with Mrs. Reed. Woman had asked for separation in order to wed Hughey.

#### **POLANDERS FACE STARVATION; PLEA FOR FOOD MADE**

Berlin, via The Hague, April 30.—Many thousand people in several districts of Poland face starvation today. The government survey shows that in many places a food supply of from two to three weeks only is available. The question of relief is now being considered but because of the difficulty of purchasing food outside of Germany this is a difficult task.

Roumania is now permitting the purchase of corn, beans and barley in sufficient quantities to feed the Polish non-combatants in the territory held by Austria. But there are a number of sections where food is still needed. Sweden has refused to permit the export of wheat or other foodstuffs even though purchased for philanthropic work.

Carleton Gibson, head of the American relief work, today issued through the United Press an appeal to Americans to aid in this work. He urges all who can to send immediately by parcel post flour, beans, corn and rye, addressed:

"Carleton Gibson, Distribution General, International Commission for Relief of Poland, Berlin."

If the responses are prompt he believes enough food will be available in the near future to tide the inhabitants of Poland over until the relief forces can get a supply of grain.

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#### **BOY DROWNS TRYING TO SAVE LIFE OF ANOTHER**

Joseph Tordio, 19, 920 Townsend st., was drowned in the north branch of the Chicago river at Superior st. yesterday while trying to rescue Albert Arrigo, 8, 457 W. Superior, who was fishing for minnows and fell in.

Although a good swimmer, Tordio did not know how to rescue a drowning person. He went down for the last time with the arms of Arrigo clinched around his neck in a death grip which he did not know how to break.